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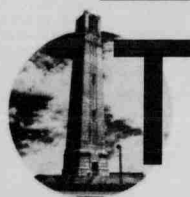


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Thomason to speak at graduation

◆ Sandra Thomason, a senior in communication has been selected to speak at graduation.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Sandra Thomason has a fascinating story. It is a story whose details this article will not reveal to you.

Thomason herself, however, will shed more light on herself and her experience at N.C. State when she speaks at NCSU's fall commencement on Dec. 20. A senior in communication, Thomason has been selected as the student speaker for the graduation exercise.

Thomason's selection nearly did not happen; though the idea of speaking at commencement was one that she had considered, she did not believe that she had time to write a speech.

Then, a close friend prodded her to write one; the resulting speech has a theme of "Don't ever give up," and Thomason invokes memories of former NCSU basketball coach Jim Valvano in it. She wrote it the weekend prior to her Nov. 14 audition before the 16-member Commencement Committee.

In spite of her earlier doubts about writing a speech, actually delivering her words to an audience brought home how much speaking at commencement would mean to her.

"That night, I realized how much I really wanted to do this," Thomason said.

Thomason is 46 years old, and she is taking six hours this semester. She has two children and has been taking college courses for 13 years.

Balancing the rearing of her children and a full-time job with Sprint, Thomason has taken primarily night classes.

"Trying to juggle their activities with my studies was very difficult," she said.

During those 13 years, Thomason has remarried and has seen her children graduate from high school. Excluding summer school, she has only stopped attending classes once, when she took a semester off in 1992.

Thomason originally intended to attend NCSU out of high school, and she said that she had several scholarships at the time. She decided, however, to go to work instead.

Thomason was working for Sprint Corporation for the last 20 years. She does not necessarily anticipate a career change coming from her graduation, but she does believe that her degree will open new doors for her.

"There are some people who just want to see that paper," Thomason said. "For them, experience doesn't matter that much."

Getting her degree will be "the fulfillment of a personal goal" for Thomason.

Attending college at a later age than most has helped Thomason stay sharp.

"I think it just keeps you in touch and keeps your brain going," Thomason said.

Victoria Gallagher, associate head of the department of communication, was a member of the Commencement Committee that decided who would speak at fall commencement.

"I think it's fair to say that everybody thought [Thomason] did the best" in the areas considered by the committee, Gallagher said.

The 16-member committee, convened by NCSU Registrar Martha O'Donnell, judged four commencement speech candidates in four areas: the speech's introduction, body and conclusion, and the speaker's delivery.

Each committee member awarded points in each of the areas. Among the qualities committee members awarded points for were how well the speaker maintained eye contact with her audience, the speech's organization, the speaker's use of non-verbal communication and effective use of voice.

Gallagher said that the committee discussed the candidates for about an hour after they presented their speeches before deciding on Thomason as the commencement speaker.

Less than a month away from receiving her degree, Thomason does not regret going back to school.

"A lot of times, there are short-term losses for long-term gains," Thomason said.



Travelers make their way through Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport over Thanksgiving. Airports across the country and here in North Carolina were full of people traveling home to see their families during the holiday.

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Dartmouth grad Dr. Seuss adopted pseudonym after being caught for alcohol violation

◆ Campus cavorting in the 1920s contributed to Seuss's stories.

Rebecca Leffer

The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

HANOVER, N.H. — "I do not like them Sam I am. I do not like green eggs and ham!" — Dr. Seuss.

We all ate green eggs and ham on our DOC trips, and we've all read "The Cat in the Hat," but who is the man behind this world of strange characters and fantastical images? What many people don't know is that Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel was quite the prankster back in his Dartmouth College days.

Geisel, a member of the class of 1925, spent the majority of his time at Dartmouth writing and partying. He was frequently found in Robinson Hall writing and illustrating for the college's humor magazine, the "Jack O'Lantern." Geisel spent most of his four years at the Big Green "fooling around in the publication offices" with his friends.

In fact, along with his close friend and editor-in-chief of "The Dartmouth," Whitney Campbell '24, Geisel would play poker into the wee hours of the morning waiting for the paper to be printed. He recognized Campbell as "the strongest personal friendship I made at Dartmouth."

In addition to his contributions to both the Jacko and the liquor stores in the area, Geisel was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Casque & Gauntlet Senior Society. A typical Dartmouth student, Geisel spent much of his leisure time skiing.

Geisel's pseudonym, "Dr. Seuss," originated at Dartmouth after he was punished for an alcohol violation. After being caught with a bottle of gin in his room, Geisel was put on probation for violating the laws of prohibition (and on Easter evening, no less). Geisel defended his position, however, claiming "We had a pint of gin for 10 people, so that proves nobody was really drinking."

As a result, Geisel was banned

from all extracurricular activities, including his role as editor-in-chief of the Jack-o-Lantern. Thus, in order to continue to write for the Jacko, Geisel wrote under different pseudonyms until he finally stuck with "Seuss," his middle name. The "Doctor" was added later to sound more scientific.

A member of the faculty at the time of Geisel's evolving pseudonym submitted the following poem to "The Dartmouth": "You're wrong as the deuce/and you shouldn't rejoice if you're calling him Seuss/He pronounces it Soice."

In Geisel's time, articles and jokes in the Jacko were anonymous, so it is hard to trace his literary contributions, but he did sign all of his artwork. Geisel began as an arts editor for the magazine and became editor-in-chief at the end of his junior year.

"But I like to be here/Oh, I like it a lot/Said the Cat in the Hat/To the fish in the pot."

Geisel attributed much of his success as a writer to his

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NCSU research improving aircraft

◆ Students and professors test a new way to reduce aircraft stalling.

Lee Robertson
Staff Reporter

Once again on the cutting edge of technology, N.C. State students and professors have been studying ways to make aviation easier.

In order for an aircraft to stay airborne, it must have air flowing across its wings. This airflow creates low pressure on the wings; as the aircraft slows, the airflow separates from the wing, eventually causing the aircraft to stall.

New technology, called In-Flight Active Flow Control, helps to prevent the aircraft from stalling. In-Flight Active Control uses small jets of air pulsating through small holes in the back of the wing. The additional airflow allows better steering of the aircraft and prevents stalling.

To steer a traditional aircraft, small flaps along the wings are activated to deflect the air traveling across the surface of the wing.

Several engineers recently completed a successful test flight on a remote controlled aircraft.

"This technology has been demonstrated in a lab before, it has been demonstrated in a wind tunnel, but until now it has never been demonstrated on a flying aircraft," said Nolaoma Chokani, professor of aerospace engineering, in a press release.

The research team also includes Stearns Heinzen and Robert Vess, two NCSU aerospace engineering graduate students, as well as Charles Hall, an associate professor in the department.

In order to test the new technology, the research team developed a remote-controlled plane with a nine-foot wingspan called the "Mantra."

The plane weighs about 60 pounds. It is powered by a two-stroke gasoline engine and can fly at speeds of 80 miles per hour.

The Mantra's air streams are generated by a small onboard tank of pressurized air. Specially designed regulators, which are about as small as a cocktail straw, control how much and how fast the air pulsates.

On Oct. 5, the research team tested the technology at a Johnson County Airport near Smithfield. The Mantra flew above the runway with its wing flaps in the down position. The air jets on one wing were activated, causing the plane to roll onto its horizontal axis. A second flight produced the same results.

Chokani said that the information gained from this test will be used to study and improve the technology.

"The first place you may see this technology is on unmanned military aircraft," said Chokani. Joel Kingdon, a sophomore in aerospace engineering has studied this technology.

"This technology could be used to make faster, heavier aircraft needing to de-accelerate to slow landing speeds and take off without stalling," said

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW Christmas say HAVE CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS

BALLOONED OUT OF CONTROL?

Traditionally, the Christmas season (by the way, how many holidays have their very own season?) begins in the United States the day after Thanksgiving — sort of a natural lead-in to the whole spirit of peace and goodwill to men, whatever titles are, they're supposed to be involved as well.

But even that tradition has been broken down over time, measured in fiscal years. Nowadays, the halls are decorated at around the time of Halloween.

Of course, it's all commercial. There's no real desire to extend the actual spirit of Christmas. The "season" is more a marketing window. It's not like people spend the day after Thanksgiving donating presents to orphanages and handing out free meals in homeless shelters.

No. How is the season to be jolly begun? With a no-holds-barred pre-dawn free-for-all clearance sale at every commercial outlet in the nation. Get your hands on that precious Playstation 2 at all costs first, then worry about being merry and spreading joy.

It's been a long taken-for-granted given that Christmas isn't religious anymore. The tired phrase of "the Christ being taken out of Christmas" has been true for a while. And, frankly, that should be expected. Thanksgiving's indulgence of StoveTop and the Pillsbury Doughboy's petty peddling of ready-made crescent rolls doesn't have anything to do with Native American-European relations. And Halloween's small-yet-"fun-sized" swarm of choco-

late and the night's demand that children dress up as pop culture figures and beg for candy door-to-door has nothing at all to do with preparing for All Saints' Day. Fourth of July barbecues don't have anything to do with patriotism and marshmallow Easter Peeps don't have anything to do with Jesus' crucifixion.

But something worse has happened with Christmas. Not only has it moved from the church to the marketplace, but it's also moved away from being a giving children's holiday to a greedy yuppie indulgence.

Christmas 2.0 is, like the rest of this cyberworld of gadgets, personal — not interpersonal. Sure, it's better to give than to receive, but outright taking everything you want for yourself puts both giving and receiving to shame. Why go through the hassle of giving people lists only to have to return their crappy presents for what you really wanted anyway?

That kind of callous, jaded philosophy may fly on made-for-Hallmark celebrations like Valentine's Day and Guy Fawkes' Day, but Christmas should have higher standards. Not only is Christmas one of the few holidays that's actually a holy day (apologies to Lincoln and Washington), but it's also one of the only holidays dedicated to universal human values like selflessness, compassion, patience, kindness, all that 1 Corinthians 13 "love is..." stuff.

The way we currently "celebrate" Christmas is not only a sham, it's also a shame.

Opinion Santa's laughing all the way to the bank



Greg Volk
STAFF COLUMNIST

Well, it's getting to be that time of year again: when the wonderfully materialistic nature of American culture shines brightly in the feverish purchasing of Christmas gifts — as if bargains were going out of style. I knew this season was destined to be a doozy when I saw Christmas wreaths on the front of Belk's before Halloween and Playstation 2's became back-ordered through February. As Dana Carvey's Church Lady would point out, isn't it all too poignantly possible that Santa and Satan differ by only a single strategically misplaced letter? But our materialistic nature is prevalent year-round, not just at Christmas. Exhibit A: a related event I saw at the mall this summer that sickened me. No, it wasn't one of those kids whose abusive mother had put him on a leash. It was something closer to home.

Something we all participate in whether we realize it or not. I was walking through the mall and all of a sudden I was bombarded by the numerous sale signs outside of Golf America, your typical outfitter for the upper-middle class, caucasian, middle-aged male these days (after all, isn't it a true sign of vulgar affluence that you can have enough free time to play the expensive sport of golf, much less be able to afford clothes specifically tailored toward the playing of this sport?). The obnoxious, bright yellow signs were advertising the store's semi-annual sale. They read, "The more you buy, the more you save." I am not certain of the details of the sale but I think they were along the lines of buying your second golf shirt for 30 percent off and your third for an even further reduced 50 percent off. Nevertheless, this example illustrates how we are unknowingly enslaved by our own consumerism. Make the most people don't realize this, but the more you buy, the more you spend. Just think about the definitions of the word "buy" and "save." I don't know your dictionary,

but in mine, they're virtually opposites. Let's face it, sales encourage us to buy products we would not normally buy. So, let's say under normal prices, you'd buy one golf shirt at full price, but during sale would buy three. You're actually spending an additional 80 percent that you wouldn't have otherwise. The more you buy, the more you spend.

The worst part is that we fall for this commercialistic ruse. Men are saying to their wives, "Honey, are you sure I don't need another Greg Norman golf shirt? It's a great deal." I know some of you are thinking, "Well, what if I were planning to buy three golf shirts in the beginning anyway, and they just happened to be on sale?" Well then more power to you, my friend, because you have managed to beat the system. Part of the problem is the propaganda that accompanies retail sales. The fact that the store is having its "semi-annual sale" makes it that much more urgent that we partake. After all, it might be another six months before we see deals "this good" again.

This is brilliant marketing. If I were in the upper management of Golf America, I think I'd have a semi-annual

sale each month. This same concept applies to buying in bulk. How many times have we bought ten pounds of pretzel sticks at Sam's Club because it was such a good deal? Then we end up discarding several pounds of them a month later because ten pounds of pretzel sticks is just too many, no matter how cheap they are and how large your pretzel stick needs are.

Now, I don't want anyone to misinterpret where I'm coming from. Don't get me wrong. I love my materialistic possessions and attach my identity to them as much as the next guy. I just want us to realize the dynamics in action the next time we are deciding whether to take advantage of that next unbelievable sale. As G.I. Joe said, "Knowing is half the battle." Then each of us might be able to make a little more objective decision on whether we really need that extra "golf shirt."

Act now! Email Greg for FREE at gmvolk@univ.ncsu.edu. He's having a monster clearance of his account. All year 2000 emails must go to make room for the upcoming 2001 emails. Spaces are running out! Hurry!

Church is important



Michael Coutouzis
STAFF COLUMNIST

When I first came to NC State five and a half years ago, I was somewhat of a spiritual loner. I saw the need to seek out God but I really didn't see the need for church. I figured that all I needed to know about him could be found in the Bible. Anytime I wanted to learn a lesson or find out what I should be doing, I just had to open it up and read. I should have been happy, right? I got to sleep in every Sunday and I was coming closer to God by reading his word, right? Wrong.

Attempting to do what I was trying to pull off is extremely difficult. Have you ever tried to teach yourself something before? It could be anything from biology to a foreign language. In order to gain an understanding of it, study is required. I'm not talking about just cracking open a book here and there. I am talking everyday and for hours on end. Also when studying, any honest person will admit that we sometimes come across things that we don't understand. We will either have to study twice as hard to figure it out or seek help from others. Now factor in all the other things that consume time like work, school, extra-curricular activities, relationships, etc. It takes a horrendous amount of time and discipline to try and pull off such a venture.

That's not a road I plan to take with my studies, so why is I attempting to do so with my faith? I thought I could pull it off. After a little scrutiny, I found out that I was just being spiritually apathetic. I couldn't get up in enough time to make an 11:00 service once a week. How on earth did I expect to be disciplined enough to do all that studying for spiritual growth?

The fact is, church is a necessary element towards spiritual growth. It is

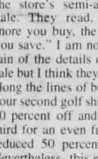
place of learning where one can go to learn God's truth and find out more about his nature. Every time we attend, we gain more insight into God's character and truth. It enables us to understand our own faith that much more.

Just as the university classroom is a place to acquire worldly knowledge, so is the church a place to acquire spiritual knowledge. It is a place where all can come together and learn about the God that has created us all. Churches are also places of worship. It is here that we can honor and give thanks to God for all he has done for us. Let's face it. He has done a lot. He deserves thanks and worship for providing for us every day. It is here where we can partake in communion and pay homage to the God who sent his son to die for all people.

Church is also a place for fellowship. You can go to it and find people just like you from all walks of life. In times of need, they can provide spiritual encouragement, guidance and help where others people would not. Interaction with other members allows those involved to build each other up, all of which is necessary for healthy spiritual growth.

I'm sure by now a lot of people are complaining how lots of churches are "dead" spiritually or that attending one doesn't get you to heaven. Granted, there are churches that have fallen into spiritual decay and are in serious need of reawakening. That shouldn't be an excuse not to go to church at all. Find one that still teaches God's truth or reform the problems that afflict the church. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Also, it's true that church attendance does not get you to heaven, but that doesn't exclude it from being a benefit or a blessing either. Believe it or not, going to church is a blessing. I only wish that more people would realize that. Besides it's the least we can do for a God that has done so much for us.

Questions? Comments? Email Michael at skeel77@hotmail.com.



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As the bustling streets of Cap Haitien, Haiti, teemed with merchants and children, I couldn't help but notice the graffiti reading, "Viv Aristide 2001!" on the sidewalk in front of a Restaurant American. It was simple, but poignant, and I could not help but reflect on the state of the upcoming elections in this economically depressed nation. Sunday, as Jean-Bertrand Aristide attempts to return in Haiti's presidential election, I am both hopeful for the people of Haiti and concerned for their nation's future.

Since it became the first free nation born of a slave revolution in 1803, Haiti's history has been nightmareish. Corrupt politicians have created a state of disastrous poverty on what was once the most agriculturally and economically rich island in the world. Not coincidentally, Haiti's history is laced with a litany of U.S. military occupations and Big Brother-like foreign policy.

Even today, the United States has failed to support the leadership of Aristide because of his desire for Haitian self-determination. It is a chicken-and-egg argument: has foreign manipulation bred corruption or vice versa? Either way, the people of Haiti suffer.

Many, however, feel the same way about the state of the people in the United States. Upon examination, the parallels are interesting: In Haiti, the politicians and elite speak a different language than the people. While government officials speak and write in a French so formal that many conclude it is a different dialect altogether, the overwhelming majority (90 percent) of Haitians speak only Kreyol. The class implications of this condition are obvious, as only the economic elite and their children attend the schools that teach mastery of this arcane language. Undoubtedly, the cycle of upper class dominance in politics cannot be broken if the people do not even understand what their "leaders" are saying. Interestingly, many Americans have the same complaint. When our "leaders" speak, their diction betrays an elitism that is foreign to the majority of U.S. citizens. This dilemma is present not only in speech, but in the written documents of the government as well. Again, it seems that the level of education that one's economic status affords is a telling factor. It would take a constitutional scholar to decipher Congress's legislative acts or the Supreme Court's decisions, and as quality education becomes increasingly unavailable to the less affluent, the language barrier widens. Another battle Haitians have been fighting for decades is over military and police oppression. Whether it is the official military massacring all who oppose absolute dictatorship, or the current police force's absolute power in community affairs, the people of Haiti have been under attack for years. Again, many in the United States feel that a police state is equally present within our borders. They point to



'Tis the season for blatant commercialism. marko 2000

Viv Aristide

harassment and constant presence in their neighborhoods, racial discrimination and the absolute power to act without fear of retribution (the NYPD is currently under federal investigation for alleged vigilante justice). Finally, Haiti's electoral politics are a constant struggle. Since Aristide's rise in the early nineties, through the military coup that removed him, even up to the bombings and corruption surrounding today's elections, many question how clear of a voice the people have in determining their leadership.

Like while the courts attempt to navigate the mess of our current election, a whopping half of the voting-eligible public stays home. This is not to mention the millions of others (including over 400,000 in Florida) who have lost their right to vote following felony convictions that quality (expensive) legal assistance could prevent.

Obviously, a victory in the current U.S. political atmosphere is little about the actual consent of the governed. Thus, folks are protesting just in the streets of Florida just as they are in Port-au-Prince. Americans have no right to criticize Haiti or Aristide for a failure to bow to our political or economic pressure. He and his people seek the same rights that being human necessitates. Our manipulative support only increases the likelihood of the very Haitian political corruption we denounce. We need to swallow our pride, admit our problems and finally give Haitians the respect they deserve. Viv Aristide!

Watch to see who wins the Haitian election and email Bryan at bryanp33@yahoo.com.

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Protestors get down to 'bare' facts of sweatshop monitoring

Catherine Lucey

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PHILADELPHIA — Brian Kelly got naked in front of the button Monday.

In the buff from head to toe, the Wharton junior was adorned only with the words "I'd rather go naked" printed in black marker on his chest.

His point? Nudity beats wearing clothes made in sweatshops. Kelly was one of a handful of Penn State students Against Sweatshops members who performed a "reverse fashion show."

"Nudity piques people's interest," a chilly Kelly said. He explained that they

stripped to raise student awareness about the conditions their clothes are made under.

"What are we wearing? We don't know," he said.

A handful of students peeled off clothing during the protest, but Kelly was the only one to go the full monty.

A small crowd of students gathered to watch the show — one of PSAS's first big efforts this semester.

The strip show and a banner drop from Steinberg-Dietrich Hall Monday were both timed to coincide with Penn's upcoming decision on joining a sweatshop monitoring organization.

"I think it's important time-wise because the decision is coming up," College sophomore Annie Wadsworth said.

"We didn't want to go out without a bang."

After PSAS sat-in last spring in College Hall, Penn pulled out of the Fair Labor Association, a monitoring group.

The FLA and the Worker Rights Consortium are the two available sweatshop monitors. The FLA has the support of major corporations and the White House, while the WRC is backed by human rights organizations.

PSAS favors the WRC, saying it is less aligned with corporate interests.

The Committee on Manufacturer Responsibility — comprised of students and faculty, including two PSAS members — recommended last week that Penn join both groups.

Rodin has yet to give the final word on what Penn will do — but PSAS said they would not protest her decision.

"We are right now going to be accepting of that decision," College sophomore Kastia Kubin said. Still, she added, "it's clear we disagree."

And Wadsworth, who met with Rodin to discuss sweatshops, noted that, "in the whole issue of workers' rights and social justice, this is one part."

The Undergraduate Assembly discussed whether to make a statement about sweatshops at their meeting Sunday night, but ultimately voted to wait.

Alyssa Litman contributed to this article.

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Dartmouth education. He especially cited professor Ben Pressley of the English department as his biggest inspiration for writing at Dartmouth. Geisel is said to have written "Green Eggs and Ham" after attending an alumni function where the food was dyed green.

His Dartmouth origins came through for him when, after his first book, "And to Think that I Saw It on Mulberry Street" was rejected 27 times by publishers, he ran into an old acquaintance from Dartmouth who happened

to be a publisher and agreed to take the story.

That was only the beginning of 60 years of magic. Seuss wrote 49 children's books in 22 different languages and was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for his contribution to children's literature.

Geisel's portrait now hangs in Baker Library reminding students. "You have brains in your head/You have feet in your shoes/You can steer yourself any direction you choose/You're on your own/And you know what you know/And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."

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applied to commercial aircraft.

"This technology reduces drag, which means greater fuel efficiency for the aircraft, and that could mean lower ticket prices for passengers," said Chokiam.

The United States Department of Defense has also been conducting similar research.

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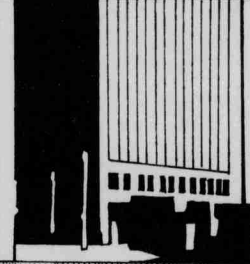


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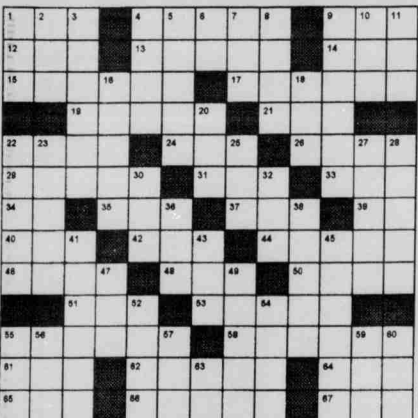
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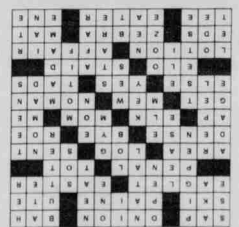
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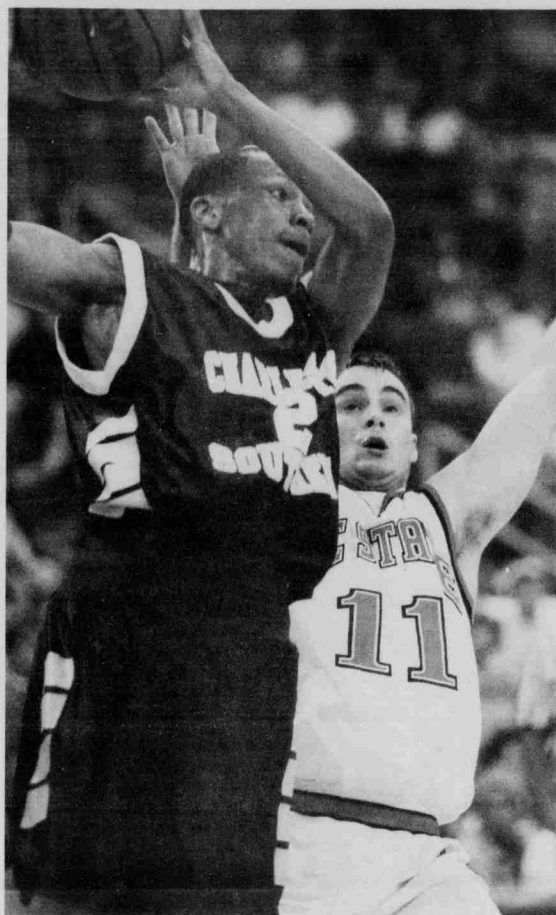
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Archie Miller, who scored 16 points Saturday, guards Charleston Southern's Ed O'Neil.

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missed the Pack 95-78 at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"I don't like what's happened the last two games," Sendek said. "I don't think we've played as well as we're capable of playing. Nobody realizes it more than I do how much work we have ahead."

Most of the suspense was taken out of the contest early as Fresno bolted to leads of 11-0 and 22-5 in the first nine minutes. On most of its offensive possessions in that time, State acted as if it was happy merely getting the ball over the half-court stripe — the Pack turned the ball over 10 times in its first 14 trips as it struggled with Fresno's pressure.

"It disrupted us a lot," said forward Damien Wilkins, who

finished with eight points on 3-of-15 shooting. "But I think, more so, we let it disrupt our offense. On our initial entries, we let them push us around, push us around off the ball."

State was able to put together its most successful stretch of the evening — a 10-0 run over a 2:58 span — courtesy of a pair of buckets from Grundy, and three points from Kenny Inge and Clifford Crawford to cut the lead to seven points, 22-15, with 8:16 remaining. But that was as close as the Pack would come for the rest of the game.

Dennis Nathan sparked the Bulldogs with eight points over the final eight minutes as Fresno stretched the lead to 43-28 at halftime.

The script didn't change in the second half. The Bulldogs continued to dominate, extending their lead to 21 points two different times, at 60-39 and 63-42. State managed to scrape together a 10-1 run to cut Fresno's lead to 12 points, 64-

52 with 9:39 left, but the Pack was unable to reduce the lead any further.

The lone standout for the Pack was freshman Scooter Sherrill, who scored eight points in 11 minutes in the second half.

"Scooter made some shots in the second half," Sendek said. "He has to be continually focused and intent on getting better in every way."

With tough non-conference games coming up against teams like Penn State, who beat Kentucky at Rupp Arena Saturday, and Old Dominion. Sendek thinks the game will be a learning experience.

"It'd be impossible for us not to learn," Sendek said. "We'd have to be comatose not to learn from an experience like this. I hope we learn a lot about the individuals on our team, as well as what we have to do collectively. To have this kind of early season experience and not learn from it would be a tragedy."

SKID

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from the red-hot Archie Miller. The second half provided more of the same from the Pack. Although the State offense slowed to begin the half, the Buccaneers were unable to take advantage.

Charleston Southern never cut the Pack lead to fewer than 19 points, and eventually the State offense pulled away. Reserve guard Brian Keeter closed the Wolfpack scoring with a 35-foot three-pointer with 7.9 seconds remaining in the game.

Playing without Damien Wilkins, who will be out 1-3 weeks after spraining his ankle in practice Friday afternoon, the Pack was able to get production out of many different players.

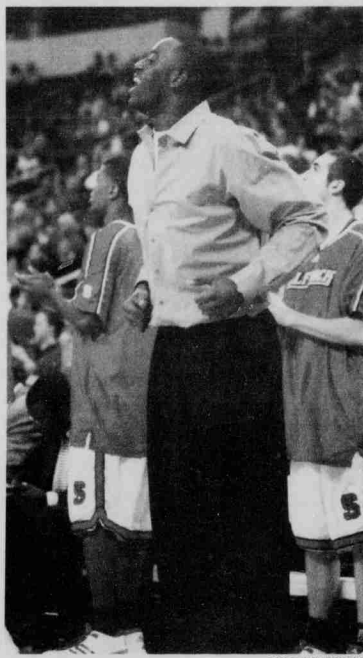
"I thought we did a much better job tonight than we had the previous games of sharing the basketball, moving the basketball, looking for each other," said Sendek. "That was one of the things we talked a great deal about coming home late Wednesday night."

Four Wolfpack players scored in double digits. Ron Kelley led all scorers with 19 points, while Melvin chipped in a career-high 18 points after struggling in his first few games with State.

"We know Marcus can play real well from practices," said senior forward Kenny Inge. "He just came out tonight and showed what he could do."

Anthony Grundy, who had been the Pack's leading scorer coming into the game, was held to only one point, yet his 11 assists were a career high. The 11 assists were also the highest single-game total for the Pack since Ishua Benjamin had 15 in a 1997 game vs. Sam Houston State.

After sitting out the first three



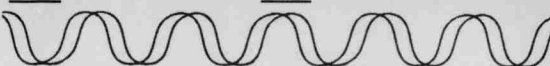
Damien Wilkins, who injured his ankle in practice Friday, cheers on his teammates during Saturday's game.

games of the season in contemplation of redshirting this year, freshman Trey Guidry saw his first playing time of the season, scoring three points in 13 minutes of action.

"When all was said and done,

Trey preferred to play rather than redshirt this season," said Sendek when asked why Guidry played. "The decision was certainly made easier when we lost yet another player with the injury to Damien Wilkins."

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Koren Robinson sat out the first half of Saturday's game but played a huge role in the second half, despite getting sandwiched between two Demon Deacons here.



AROUND THE ACC

No. 17 Georgia Tech 27, No. 24 Georgia 15

The Yellow Jackets are headed to the Peach Bowl in style after knocking off their in-state rival for the third consecutive year. George Godsey ran for one touchdown and threw for another to guide Tech to the win.

No. 6 Virginia Tech 42, Virginia 21

For once, Michael Vick wasn't the star for the Hokies. Sophomore tailback Lee Suggs rushed for 116 yards and reached the end zone four times to lead Tech to the win. The most interesting news from this game came off the field, however, as speculation continued regarding whether or not head coach Frank Beamer will stay in Blacksburg, Va.

MESSY

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Arnato always says that if you win the kicking game, you only have to win one other phase to win the game. I think we definitely won the kicking game and that had a lot to do with the outcome."

Also having a lot to do with the outcome was a season-high five turnovers for the Deacs. In addition to State's four fumble recoveries, Julius Patterson intercepted a James MacPherson pass early in the game.

The Pack now heads to Miami to take on the Minnesota Golden Gophers in the Micronet.com Bowl on Dec. 28. This will be the second time in three years that the Pack will play in the Micronet.com Bowl.

Back the Pack

SCORES

Football 32, Wake Forest 14
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State halts skid at two

◆ **The Wolfpack defeated Charleston Southern despite playing without the injured Damien Wilkins.**

Steve Thompson

Staff Writer

A determined N.C. State men's basketball team dismantled Charleston Southern 89-51 Saturday night at the Entertainment and Sports Arena to end a two-game losing streak.

Men's basketball

NCSU 89

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Losses to

Charlotte and

Fresno State had the Wolfpack (2-2) off to its worst start under head coach Herb Sendek.

"After the loss [against Fresno State], we just came out and had two great practices with a lot of intensi-

ty," said freshman forward Marcus Melvin. "We just wanted to come out and have a lot of intensity on the defensive end as well as on the offensive end."

For the first time this season, State outshot its opponent. The Pack scorched the nets by shooting a sizzling 56.6 percent. The defense, which had struggled in previous games, held the Buccaneers (0-3) to only 36.5 percent from the field.

"In our previous games, we just had too many bad shots," said Sendek. "The shots were the equivalent of turnovers because they weren't going in."

The Pack set the tone for the game by scoring the first seven points. Eight minutes into the game, the Pack had built its lead to 22-5 and never looked back. At the half, the Pack led 44-21, behind 13 points



Trey Guidry saw his first action in Saturday's 89-51 win.

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Bulldogs rip lifeless Pack

◆ **N.C. State turned the ball over in 10 of its first 14 possessions Wednesday in the Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic.**

Jack Daly

Sports Editor

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Fresno State isn't known for its defense.

The Bulldogs usually beat teams by simply outscoring them.

Last season, it had the nation's leading scorer in Courtney Alexander, and Fresno averaged 83.1 points per game, fifth in the nation.

N.C. State did its best Wednesday night to turn Fresno into a defensive juggernaut in the Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic. The Wolfpack managed 63 points, but it couldn't handle the Bulldogs' defensive pressure as State turned the ball over 24 times

— 16 in the first half alone — and shot only 39.3 percent from the field.

The atrocious offensive effort by the Pack allowed Fresno to coast to an 82-63 victory in front of 6,453 fans at the Springfield Civic Center.

Anthony Grundy finished with 12 points, tops for State. Chris Jeffries had 19 for the Bulldogs (2-1), while Melvin Ely finished with 17.

"Certainly, Fresno deserves credit for playing outstanding defense," said State head coach Herb Sendek. "But when we look at ourselves in the mirror, we now know that we didn't execute, make decisions and handle the ball the way we need to."

It was State's worst loss since a 74-45 drubbing at the hands of Wake Forest on Feb. 28, 1999, in Winston-Salem.

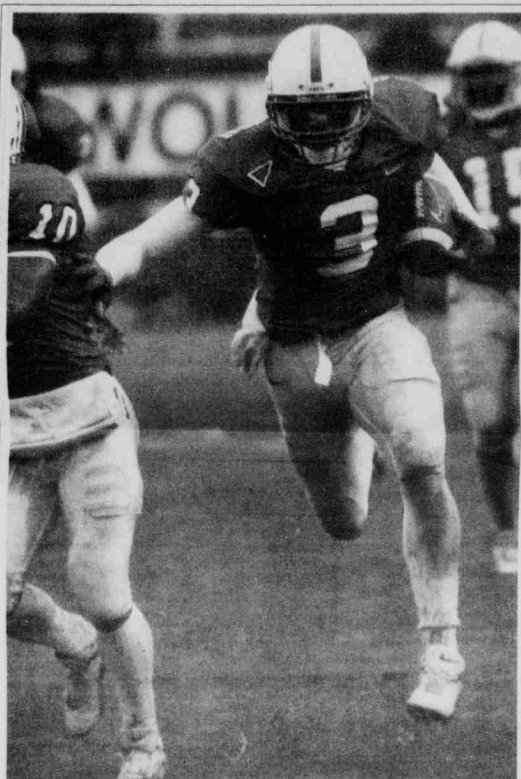
This was the second time in a row that State had been blown out by a non-conference opponent. On Nov. 18, Charlotte dis-

Men's basketball

NCSU 63

FRESNO 82

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Koren Robinson (3) follows his blockers on his way to a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter of N.C. State's 32-14 win over Wake Forest.

Pack gets messy win

◆ **Special teams play helped N.C. State overcome the weather and a 14-3 deficit to beat Wake Forest 32-14.**

Jonathan Honeycutt

Staff Writer

Trailing 14-3 with 3:11 left in the third quarter, N.C. State woke up and reeled off 29 unanswered points to defeat Wake Forest 32-14 Saturday afternoon at Carter-Finley Stadium.

The spark that lit the fire occurred when a Wake punt was fielded at the State 39-yard line by Koren Robinson. Robinson ran right, then left and headed straight down the sideline, scoring on a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown. With the score 14-9, Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato made the decision to go for the two-point conversion. A Philip Rivers pass to Willie Wright found its mark to pull State (7-4, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) closer to 14-11.

The Robinson punt return was the team's first non-blocked punt return for a touchdown since 1998.

"We had about six big plays on special teams in the second half that helped shift momentum in our favor," Amato said. "We needed something to push the momentum back in our favor, and I think that Koren's return was able to do that."

Robinson sat out the first half of the game for what Amato called "academic reasons." Robinson's version of events was slightly different.

"I wasn't going to play at all,"

Robinson joked. "My knee was hurting and I was sick. To sit there and watch it, was just real hard to do. I don't like that."

In the fourth quarter, the Pack scored 21 points on two Ray Robinson touchdown runs and an 11-yard toss from Rivers to Koren Robinson. Rivers completed 14-of-29 passes for 139 yards and a touchdown. He became just the second player in State history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season, and with his touchdown pass to Robinson, he moved into fifth place in ACC history with 25 touchdowns passes this season.

Robinson also etched his name in the ACC record books for touchdown catches in a season. His fourth-quarter score was his 13th of the year, giving him the fourth-highest total in conference history.

At halftime of Saturday's game, State led Wake by a score of 34-3. The Demon Deacons got the ball to start the third quarter and on the first play of the second half, freshman quarterback Anthony Young ran for a 66-yard gain that set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Tarence Williams.

On its next possession, Wake put together an 80-yard scoring drive in five plays to temporarily take control of the game. Fabian Davis hauled in a 40-yard touchdown pass from Young. Wake's fourth longest pass completion of the season, to put the Deacs ahead 14-3. Young finished the game with 45 yards passing and 87 yards rushing.

The State defense responded behind the play of linebacker Levar Fisher, recovering four of Wake's seven fumbles on the day. Fisher came up big in the fourth quarter, recovering two fumbles deep in Wake territory. Fisher also caused a fumble in the first quarter

to tie a school record with five forced fumbles in a season.

"What a great football player he is and we are so proud of him," Amato said of Fisher. "He makes big plays and often gets a little overzealous. His big hits help to get the crowd going."

The kicking game also played a crucial role in the Pack victory. Freshman punter Austin Herbert had a couple of timely punts downed at the Wake 1-yard line.



Philip Rivers threw for 139 yards and a touchdown.

including a fake field goal that died just before entering the end zone.

"We had a lot of big special teams plays," Rivers said. "Coach

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Bowl bid can't distract Pack

◆ **The Wolfpack got its bowl invitation Wednesday, but that didn't diminish the importance of Saturday's game.**

Jeremy Ashton

Sports Editor

The news that N.C. State spent the whole season waiting for arrived in Raleigh on Wednesday.

The Micronpc.com Bowl invited the Wolfpack to spend its time after Christmas in Miami for the second time in three years. State learned it will play Minnesota, a team that finished the regular season with a 6-5 record.

The announcement seemingly made the Pack's meeting with lowly Wake Forest on a dismal late November afternoon anticlimactic. That wasn't how the players and coaches saw the situation.

"I don't know about anything about Minnesota yet because we put our full intentions on Wake Forest and beating them," junior tailback Ray Robinson said.

Even with the bowl bid secured, the Pack still had plenty of motivation for its game with the Demon Deacons. Some of the incentive for winning

stemmed from State's embarrassing 31-7 loss to Wake last season in Winston-Salem. The 32-14 victory over the Deacs gave the Pack a measure of revenge.

The win also gave State the theoretical state championship of college football, which was one of the team's goals for the season. The Pack swept its in-state rivals for the first time since 1992, adding the messy victory over Wake to its earlier triumphs against North Carolina and Duke.

For 10 State players, the game carried a little extra significance. Saturday marked the last time that seniors like Clayton White, Jarvis Borum, Kent Pasingham, Eric Leak and Jeff Fisher will play in Carter-Finley Stadium wearing State uniforms. Everyone on the team wanted to see those players finish their careers on a winning note.

"I saw a lot of guys play hurt today," White said. "Usually they would come out and get a sub, but they really dug deep today. I think they did it because of the seniors and because they wanted to give their respects to us."

The Pack made "finishing" its theme for the year. So if nothing else, State saw the matchup with Wake as a way to bring proper closure to its regular

season. "6-5 and 7-4, that's a big difference, especially with us going to a bowl and having a chance to be 8-4; that's a great season," freshman quarterback Philip Rivers said.

And State picked up some much-needed momentum heading into the down time before the bowl. The Pack would have gone to Miami as losers of four of its last five had it fallen to the Deacs. That was something no one wanted, especially considering the early invitation extended by the officials at the Micronpc.com Bowl.

"The Micron PC gambled on us a little bit," junior linebacker Levar Fisher said. "They felt that we could pull this win out, so that's why they did what they did. So, it was important for us not to let them down or for us to let ourselves down."

With Saturday's game now behind it, the Pack can take the coming weeks to concentrate on finals, rest injuries and prepare for the Golden Gophers. Meanwhile, the players can begin dreaming about leaving the North Carolina winter behind for a couple of days to enjoy the warm, Florida weather.

"I'm looking forward to Miami to get down there and be in that heat," Fisher said.



Wake Forest's Fabian Davis catches a 40-yard touchdown pass.

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